

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CMC MATERIALS, INC.,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) C.A. No. 20-738-GBW
DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC., et al.,)
Defendants.)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, documents and information may be sought, produced or exhibited by and among the parties to the above captioned proceeding, which materials relate to trade secrets or other confidential research, development or commercial information;

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that confidential information is being produced only for use in this civil action;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the following provisions of this Order shall govern the confidential information produced by a party to any other party or by a third party to any party in the course of this civil action:

I. DEFINITIONS

1. Confidential information is information which has not been made public and which concerns or relates to the trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, or apparatus, or to the production, sales, shipments, purchases, transfers, identification of customers, inventories, amount or source of any income, profits, losses, or expenditures of any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization, the disclosure of which information is likely to have the effect of causing substantial harm to the competitive position of the person, firm, partnership,

corporation, or other organization from which the information was obtained (“Discovery Material”).

2. As used herein, “Producing Party” shall refer to any party to this Action and to any non-party who produces Discovery Material, and “Receiving Party” shall refer to any individual who properly receives, is shown, or is exposed to Discovery Material.

3. As used herein, CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material refers to business or commercial information defined in paragraph 1 that the Producing Party believes in good faith is (i) confidential, sensitive, competitive, or potentially invasive of an individual’s privacy interests; (ii) not generally known to others in the context or form as known by the Producing party; (iii) not normally revealed to the public or third parties or, if disclosed to third parties, is such that the Producing Party would require such third parties to maintain the information in confidence; and (iv) information (regardless of how generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards developed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c).

4. As used herein, HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material refers to business or commercial information defined in paragraph 1 that a Producing Party claims to be extremely confidential and/or sensitive in nature and the Producing Party reasonably believes that the disclosure of such Discovery Material is likely to cause economic harm or significant competitive disadvantage to the Producing Party. This HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information also includes, but is not limited to, (i) highly sensitive technical information, such as product formulations of the Producing Party’s products; (ii) highly sensitive information pertaining to research and development of the Producing Party’s products; (iii) financial or business reports and forecasts including plans, strategies, market analyses, costs, customer accounts, and pricing information; and (iv) pending or abandoned patent, trademark, and copyright applications, foreign or domestic,

unless published or otherwise publicly available.

Limited Exceptions for Designated In-House Counsel

(a) CMC agrees that certain HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information disclosed to and/or from third party Fuso Chemical, Co. (“Fuso”) can be disclosed to DuPont in-house attorney Sarah Diluzio if that information is dated before June 1, 2020 and is cited in DuPont’s Amended Counterclaim, contentions, briefing, or expert reports, and/or is used at depositions or hearings in this matter. This agreement is contingent on Ms. Diluzio complying with all other terms in this Protective Order related to the disclosure of HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information, including the Prosecution Bar of paragraph 14.

(b) Before reviewing the information identified in subparagraphs 4(a), Ms. Diluzio must provide a prior written representation and agreement that she:

(i) does not render advice or participate in business or strategic decisions or have any other involvement regarding pricing, sales, marketing, financial, product development/design, marketing strategy, forecasts, suppliers, procurement, or other related business activities related to the subject matter of this action, including related to chemical mechanical polishing products, and will not be involved in such activities for a period of three years after final disposition of this matter; and

(ii) does not negotiate, draft, review, or oversee in any way proposed contracts or agreements with third parties relating to the subject matter of this action, including relating to chemical mechanical polishing products, and will not be involved in such activities for a period of three years after final disposition of this matter.

II. DESIGNATION OF “CONFIDENTIAL” OR “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION”

A. Procedure for Designating Discovery Material

5. (a) Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” provided that it meets the requirements for such designation as provided for herein. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order if such party in good faith believes that such Discovery Material contains CONFIDENTIAL information as defined in Paragraph 3. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order if such party in good faith believes that such Discovery Material contains HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information as defined in Paragraph 4. The burden of establishing that Discovery Material is CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL as defined herein shall be on the Producing Party. The designation of any Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL shall be deemed effective unless and until the Court orders otherwise or the Producing Party withdraws the designation.

(b) Information to be treated under this Protective Order as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL shall include but not be limited to:

i) Information set forth in responses to discovery requests made under Fed. R. Civ. P. 31, 33, or 36, or in documents and things produced under Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d) or 34, provided that, prior to delivery to the Receiving Party, the responses or copies of documents and things are marked by the Producing Party with the following legends or their substantial equivalents: “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” Documents, things and/or information may be made available for inspection without designation and designated subsequently at the time of production.

ii) Information revealed by inspection of documents, things and premises under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, provided that, prior to or at any time up to fifteen (15) calendar days after the inspection, the party permitting inspection specifically identifies in writing the CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material that will be or that was disclosed by the inspection. To ensure that the Producing Party has the full fifteen (15) calendar days to make appropriate designations, all information gleaned from inspection of documents, things and premises will be automatically treated as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material for fifteen (15) calendar days after the day of inspection. There will be no waiver of confidentiality by the inspection of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material before it is copied and marked pursuant to this Order. Inspection of Discovery Material by any party shall be conducted by persons eligible under Paragraph 6 below.

iii) Information revealed during a deposition under oral or written examination under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30 and 31, provided that, prior to or at any time up to ten (10) calendar days following receipt of the final transcript by counsel for a Party, counsel for a Party notifies counsel for the other Party in writing that CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material is set forth in the transcript and specifies in writing the portions of the transcript that disclose CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material, or during the deposition, counsel for a Party or counsel for a third party designates the transcript or portions thereof to be CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material. To ensure that the Producing Party has the full ten (10) calendar days to make appropriate designations, all Information revealed during a deposition under oral or written examination under Fed. R.

Civ. P. 30 and 31 will be automatically treated as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material for ten (10) calendar days after the day of inspection. The legends described in Paragraph 3(d)(i) shall be placed on the front of any deposition transcript (and, if videotaped, any copies of the videotape) containing CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information.

B. Disclosure of HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material

6. In the absence of written permission from the Producing Party or an order by the Court, any HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 above shall not be disclosed to any person other than: (i) outside counsel of record for parties to this litigation, including necessary secretarial and support personnel assisting such counsel; (ii) qualified persons taking testimony involving such documents or information and necessary stenographic and clerical personnel thereof; (iii) experts and their staff who are employed for the purposes of this litigation (unless they are otherwise employed by, consultants to, or otherwise affiliated with a non-governmental party, or are employees of any domestic or foreign manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, or distributor of certain chemical mechanical planarization slurries and components thereof, which are the subject of this litigation), subject to paragraph 8 below; (iv) the Court and its staff. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material shall not be made available to any person designated in this paragraph unless he or she shall have first read this order and shall have agreed in writing in the form of agreement included as Attachment A hereto: (i) to be bound by the terms thereof; (ii) not to reveal such confidential information to anyone other than another person designated in this paragraph; and (iii) to utilize such confidential information solely for purposes of this Action.

C. Disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material

7. In the absence of written permission from the Producing Party or an order by the Court, any CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 above shall not be disclosed to any person other than: (i) persons entitled to receive HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information as defined in paragraph 6 above; (ii) one (1) identified in-house counsel who, because of their work managing, supervising, defending, or evaluating this action, require access to discovery material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” (“Designated In-House Counsel”), subject to paragraph 9 below. No current or former officer of any party may be the “Designated In-House Counsel.” CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material shall not be made available to any person designated in this paragraph unless he or she shall have first read this order and shall have agreed in writing in the form of agreement included as Attachment A hereto: (i) to be bound by the terms thereof; (ii) not to reveal such confidential information to anyone other than another person designated in this paragraph; and (iii) to utilize such confidential information solely for purposes of this Action.

D. Procedure for Designating Persons for Disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material

1. Experts

8. CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 or 4 above shall not be made available to persons designated in paragraph 6(iii) unless he or she has read this order, agreed in writing in the form of agreement included as Attachment A hereto, and has been disclosed with no remaining objections in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) No less than 10 days (or any other period of time designated by the Court) prior to the initial disclosure to a proposed expert of any CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

information designated in accordance with paragraph 3 or 4, the party proposing to disclose information to such expert shall submit in writing the name of such proposed expert, their current curriculum vitae, including a list of case testimony, consulting activities, and employment for the past 4 years, educational and employment history, and a disclosure of any current or prior relationships with the receiving party.

(b) If the Producing Party objects to the disclosure of such CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information to such proposed expert, as inconsistent with the language or intent of this order or on other grounds, it shall notify the Receiving Party in writing of its objection within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the proposed expert and the grounds therefor prior to the initial disclosure.

(c) If the dispute is not resolved on an informal basis within ten days of receipt of such notice of objections, the Producing Party shall bring a dispute under the Court's protective order dispute procedures. The submission of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information to such proposed expert shall be withheld pending the ruling of the Court.

2. Designated In-House Counsel

9. CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 above shall not be made available to persons designated in paragraph 7(ii) unless he or she has read this order, agreed in writing in the form of agreement included as Attachment A hereto, and has been disclosed with no remaining objections in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) No less than 10 days (or any other period of time designated by the Court) prior to the initial disclosure to a designated in-house counsel of any CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with paragraph 3, the party proposing to disclose information to such

designated in-house counsel shall submit in writing the name of such designated in-house counsel, and their current and former positions and/or titles at the Receiving Party, to the Producing Party.

(b) If the Producing Party objects to the disclosure of such CONFIDENTIAL information to such designated in-house counsel, as inconsistent with the language or intent of this order or on other grounds, it shall notify the Receiving Party in writing of its objection within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the proposed designated in-house counsel and the grounds therefor prior to the initial disclosure.

(c) If the dispute is not resolved on an informal basis within ten days of receipt of such notice of objections, the Producing Party shall bring a dispute under the Court's protective order dispute procedures. The submission of CONFIDENTIAL information to such designated in-house counsel shall be withheld pending the ruling of the Court.

E. Disclosure of HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Materials to Other Persons

10. If the Court orders, or if the Producing Party and all parties to the litigation agree, that access to, or dissemination of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information shall be made to persons not included in paragraphs 6 or 7 above, such information shall only be accessible to, or disseminated to, such persons based upon the conditions pertaining to, and obligations arising from this order, and such persons shall be considered subject to it, unless the Court finds that the information is not CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3, or 4 hereof.

11. If any CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information which is supplied in accordance with paragraph 5 above is supplied by a nonparty to this litigation, such a nonparty shall be considered a "Producing Party" as that term is used in the context of this order.

12. Each nonparty Producing Party shall be provided a copy of this order by the party

seeking information from said Producing Party.

F. Confidentiality Designations for ITC Material

13. The parties may agree on mechanisms for using Discovery Material from the related ITC action in this action (“ITC Material”) through a separate agreement. All ITC Materials designated as containing CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION shall be treated as containing HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL Discovery Material in accordance with paragraph 4 above and may be disclosed to persons designated in paragraph 6 above.

III. PROSECUTION BAR

14. Absent written consent from the Producing Party, any individual who accesses Discovery Material designated as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL shall not be involved in the prosecution of patents or patent applications relating to the subject matter of this action (“Prosecution Bar”). For purposes of this paragraph, “prosecution” includes drafting or amending patent claims. The foregoing restrictions of this paragraph shall apply only to individuals, and not to the firms or organizations by which they are employed, nor to individuals who received access to HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information solely in their capacity as clerical staff. Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from sending non-confidential prior art, without additional input or consultation, to an attorney involved in patent prosecution for purposes of ensuring that such prior art is submitted to the USPTO (or any similar agency of a foreign government) to assist a patent applicant in complying with its duty of candor. Nothing in these provisions is intended to preclude counsel from participating in activities directly for the purpose of settling litigations. This Prosecution Bar shall begin when access to Discovery Material designated as HIGHLY

CONFIDENTIAL is first received by the individual and shall end one (1) year after final termination of this action.

IV. COMPETITIVE DECISION-MAKER BAR

15. Absent written consent from the Producing Party, any Designated In-House Counsel who accesses Discovery Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall not be involved in competitive decision making relating to the subject matter of this action (“Competitive Decision-Maker Bar”). Competitive decision making refers to, for example, business or strategic decisions, including marketing, financial, product development/design, procurement, and pricing decisions, on issues affecting competition. For the avoidance of doubt, no former or current officer of any party may be the “Designated In-House Counsel” with access to Discovery Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL. The foregoing restrictions of this paragraph shall apply only to individuals, and not to the organizations by which they are employed. Nothing in these provisions is intended to preclude Designated In-House Counsel from participating in activities directly for the purpose of settling litigations. This Competitive Decision-Maker Bar shall begin when access to Discovery Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL is first received by the Designated In-House Counsel and shall end one (1) year after final termination of this action.

V. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES REGARDING DISCOVERY MATERIAL

A. Discovery Material Submitted to the Court or Used in Depositions

16. Any HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL information submitted to the Court in connection with a motion or other proceeding within the scope of this litigation shall be submitted under seal pursuant to the procedures of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. When any confidential information designated in accordance with paragraph

3 or 4 above is included in an authorized transcript of a deposition or exhibits thereto, the transcript will be designated HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL, unless the parties agree otherwise.

B. Discovery Material Was Publicly Known

17. The restrictions upon, and obligations accruing to, persons who become subject to this order shall not apply to any information designated in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 4 above to which the person asserting the confidential status thereof agrees in writing, or the Court rules, after an opportunity for hearing, was publicly known at the time it was supplied to the Receiving Party or has since become publicly known through no fault of the Receiving Party.

C. Process for Objecting to Confidentiality Designations

18. If while this litigation is pending, a party to this order who is to be a recipient of any information designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL and designated in accordance with paragraph 3 or 4, disagrees with respect to such a designation, in full or in part, it shall notify the Producing Party in writing, and they will thereupon confer as to the status of the subject information proffered within the context of this order. If prior to, or at the time of such a conference, the Producing Party withdraws its designation of such information as being subject to this order, but nonetheless submits such information for purposes of the litigation, such Producing Party shall express the withdrawal, in writing, and serve such withdrawal upon all parties. If the Receiving Party and Producing Party are unable to concur upon the status of the subject information designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information within ten days from the date of notification of such disagreement, any party to this order may raise the issue of the designation of such a status through the Court's protective order dispute procedures. The Court may *sua sponte* question the designation of the confidential status of any information and, after opportunity for hearing, may remove the confidentiality designation.

D. Improper Disclosure of Designated Discovery Material

19. If CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with paragraph 3 or 4 is disclosed to any person other than in the manner authorized by this protective order, the party responsible for the disclosure must immediately bring all pertinent facts relating to such disclosure to the attention of the Producing Party and, without prejudice to other rights and remedies of the Producing Party, make every effort to prevent further disclosure by it or by the person who was the Receiving Party of such information.

E. Inadvertent Failure to Designate Discovery Material

20. The inadvertent failure by a party to designate Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL shall not be a waiver of such designation provided that the party who fails to make such a designation informs the Receiving Party that such Discovery Material is confidential promptly but not more than five (5) days from when the failure to designate became known to the Producing Party. The inadvertent failure by any party to designate discovery material as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL shall not preclude the filing of a motion at a later date seeking to impose such designation or challenging the proprietary thereof. The party receiving the Discovery Material that the Producing Party failed to designate as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be in breach of this Order for any use made of such discovery material before the Receiving Party is informed of the inadvertent failure to designate. Once the Receiving Party has been informed of the inadvertent failure to designate pursuant to this Paragraph, the Receiving party shall take reasonable steps to, at the Producing Party's option, either ensure that all copies of any such discovery material are returned promptly to the Producing Party or ensure that all copies of any such discovery material are marked with the proper designation and distributed only as permitted

under this Protective Order.

F. Right to Seek Judicial Review

21. Nothing in this order shall abridge the right of any person to seek judicial review or to pursue other appropriate judicial action with respect to any ruling made by the Court concerning the issue of the status of CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information.

G. Handling of Discovery Material Upon Termination of Litigation

22. Upon final termination of this litigation, each party that is subject to this order shall assemble and return to the Producing Party all items containing CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information designated in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 4 above, including all copies of such matter which may have been made. Alternatively, the parties subject to this order may, with the written consent of the Producing Party, destroy all items containing CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information and certify to the Producing Party (or his counsel) that such destruction has taken place. This paragraph shall not apply to the Court or its staff.

VI. OTHER PROCEEDINGS

23. By entering this order and limiting the disclosure of information in this case, the Court does not intend to preclude another court from finding that information may be relevant and subject to disclosure in another case. Any person or party subject to this order who becomes subject to a motion to disclose another party's information designated in accordance with paragraph 3 or 4 of this order, including information designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this order, shall promptly notify that party of the motion so that the party may have an opportunity to appear and be heard on whether that information should be disclosed.

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Dated: October 12, 2022

SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

United States Judge

ATTACHMENT A

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will not divulge any information communicated to me in any confidential portion of the litigation or hearing in *CMC Materials, Inc. v. Dupont De Nemours, Inc.*, C.A. No. 20-738-MN (D. Del.), except as permitted in the protective order issued in this case. I will not directly or indirectly use or allow the use of such information for any purpose other than that directly associated with my official duties in this case.

Further, I will not by direct action, discussion, recommendation, or suggestion to any person reveal the nature or content of any information communicated during any confidential portion of the litigation or hearing in this case.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Affiliation _____